

New gambling era arrives at Maine casino

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FULL TEXT

BANGOR, Maine (AP) -- A new gambling era has begun in Maine.

Gamblers begin trying their luck at blackjack, poker and roulette on Friday as the state's first table gambling games open for business at the Hollywood Casino in Bangor.

Hollywood Casino has been limited to just slot machines since it opened in 2005. But it's now allowed to have table games after voters gave their approval in a countywide referendum in November.

The casino is starting off with seven poker tables, six blackjack tables and a roulette table. With the new games, it's adding 89 jobs paying \$4 million in annual salaries and benefits.

The Oxford Casino plans to have a dozen table games of its own when it opens in June in Oxford.

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